

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. S. B. REGISTRY.

No. S. D. 5542

Date 20/1/34

Subject (in full) The strength of the foreign units in Shanghai.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by D. G. Howard

In connection with the attached translation from the "Shanghai Mainichi" dated December 14, 1933, under the heading "Ten thousand soldiers and marines of various nations defend Shanghai", Mr. Oki, reporter of the paper, states that the figures of the strength of the foreign units in Shanghai mentioned therein were based upon reports appearing in local newspapers and upon information secured during the course of his visits to various places. However, he cannot state that the figures are correct as they had ^{not} been obtained from any official source.

It is noteworthy of mention that Captain Otorii, Commander of the Japanese Company, S.V.C., is an employee of the Mainichi.

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December 14, 1933.

Afternoon Translation.

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Subject (in full) Defence Area Shift - rumour in The China Press
of December 13.

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With reference to the attached article from "The China Press" of December 13, I have interviewed Capt. Wilson Brand and he stated that as far as he was aware no change was contemplated. He further stated that the departure of Brigadier Fleming and the 2nd Battalion The Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders had in all probability given the China Press reporter an idea for such a story.

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MAIN POINT

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Defense Area Shift Rumored For City

Re-Deal Among Foreign Troops In Settlement Mooted Question Among Military Moguls But Increase In Power Of Japanese Forces In Central Now Hinted

Is there going to be a re-shuffle of defense areas in the International Settlement protected by various foreign troop units—including those of British, American, and Japanese governments and Shanghai Volunteer Corps forces—stationed in Shanghai? This is a question that many a local Chinese and foreign resident would like to have answered.

The Shanghai Defense Committee, whose membership is made up of commanding officers of foreign troops and the S.V.C. here, knows—but it won't tell. Recently the question has been delved into by a CHINA PRESS representative. Several of the commanders have replied to queries that such a rearrangement was "new" to them. Still others have stated that "something of the sort has been decided upon" but because of a mutual agreement among committee members, they said they were not at liberty to divulge details. Officers at S. V. C. headquarters—Colonel Thoms could not be interviewed on the subject—denied any knowledge of such a plan and added that if there were a "re-shuffle" in effect or contemplated, that it would not be released to the press or the public. Information of this nature must be kept secret as releasing it might be to the advantage of "the enemy" in the event of trouble in Shanghai, it was said.

Fukien Trouble At Bottom

It is virtually certain that something along this line has been discussed and is possibly now in force. It is reported in various quarters that the subject has been brought into the local military spotlight as a result of the national unrest caused by trouble now existing in Fukien.

In view of the recent retirement from Shanghai of a battalion of British troops, now stationed at Hongkong, it is obvious that the area formerly patrolled by the British forces here must be taken over by the troops of some other government now stationed in the Settlement, unless the Shanghai Defense Committee is relying on the plan of rushing in troops from Hongkong in event of trouble. This is believed unlikely as arrangements for quarters, instruction in familiarising these forces with local conditions and the fact that they might also be needed in the Settlement at the same time, would all tend to work to the disadvantage of adequate protection of Shanghai by foreign military units.

S.V.C. Growing

It is also thought possible that recent attempts to increase the membership of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps—through appeals by S.V.C. officials to local foreign firms—are intended to make the corps membership large enough to fill the depleted ranks of Shanghai British forces.

Not the least interesting of rumors circulated in the local foreign community recently, is that which says that an agreement has been made which will permit the Japanese Naval Landing Party to patrol the central district of the International Settlement formerly patrolled by other foreign troop detachments, in the event Shanghai is threatened with military invasion or danger in the future.

Japanese In Central?

During and since the Shanghai invasion early in 1932 the Japanese have patrolled Hongkew and Yangtzeopoo districts. The question now, which no one in authority seems willing or able to answer, is, will the Japanese be permitted to expand the area they now protect? Reports are to be heard on all sides in Shanghai that the Japanese will be allowed to patrol the central district if the city is again endangered.

At the time of the "Shanghai incident" Volunteer Corps forces were massed along north Settlement roads as far west as Myburgh Road to prevent either the Japanese or Chinese troops from entering the foreign-controlled area. American forces generally confined their protective activities between Myburgh and Kiao Chow Roads on the north boundary of the Settlement along Soochow Creek, while the British held forth between Kiao Chow Road and Jessfield Park, and as far south as Amherst Avenue and Avenue Haig.

French troops were restricted to defending the French Concession on all sides.

At the present time there are approximately 1,300 American troops in Shanghai, while the British have 1,600; Japanese, 2,100; French, 1,600; and S.V.C., 2,100 (which number officials of the Corps are now trying to increase).

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